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John 4:19-24, 25.

I. no: The subject of text is: Worship to God  
Jews + Samaritans divided over the  
place. V. 20-21. Imp. of place to vain  
Christian worship will be everywhere  
there are Christians in the world.  
Key to pleasing God. V. 24. Spr. + Truth

Three Alternatives in Chr. worship.

1. Ignore it. Reject it. Refuse it.

Penalty: Rom. 1:16-18. Matt. 4:8-10.  
 Heb. 10:24-31. Jas. 4:17.

2. Observe the truths about it; but  
slight or ignore the spirit.

a. Truth teaches acts of worship.  
 acts 2:42 + Eph. 5:19-20.

b. All motions of acts can be  
 performed without the spirit or  
 for a wrong motive.

(1. Please wife + children.

(2. Social or economic advantages.

(3. Seeking political office. Etc.

c. Correct performance of the  
external acts of worship  
without the love + devotion  
of the heart is only 50% correct.  
not enough.

quantity  
 +  
 quality



1. Spirit: Humble surrender. "Thy will."  
2. Truth: I John 5:14. according to His will.

### D. Communion. I Cor. 10:14-17.

1. Truth: Unleavened bread - flesh.  
no substitutes.  
fruit of vine (wine) - blood.  
no substitutes. (orange juice. No)

2. Spirit: I Cor. 11:30. Problem? V. 20.  
Wrong motive: V. 21. Carnal. Drunk.  
a. today: not silent! (whispering)  
V. 26. not thoughtful! Not reverent.  
V. 28.

### E. Giving. Acts 20:7. I Cor. 16:2.

1. Give as often as ate the supper.  
2. Give purposefully + cheerfully.  
II Cor. 9:6-8. Spirit + truth.

### F. Proclaiming the Good News. Acts 2:42.

1. Apostles doctrine, the gospel, good news.  
2. I Cor. 15:1-4. A resurrected Lord.  
3. II Tim. 4:1-2. Preach it!  
Receive it.

### Inv. Good News:

1. all can be saved. John 20:30-31.  
2. all must repent. Acts 2:38.  
3. all must submit to Jesus. Mk. 16:15-16.  
4. all worship faithfully + live right. John 4:24.

3. Worship with a sweet spirit, but ignoring the Lord's specific truth about the right way to worship.

Ill. A.B.S. Advisory Council Meetings. So sincere! So wrong. Women worship leaders. Inst. music.

- a. Jesus warned against such. Matt. 15:8-9. Perfect example.  
b. Correct attitude in performing unscriptural acts of worship is only 50% correct + therefore vain and null + void.

### alternatives:

1. Ignore it. 100% wrong.  
2. Truth without Spirit is 50% wrong.  
3. Spr. without Truth is 50% wrong.

II Why be 50% Wrong or 100% wrong when can be 100% right?

### A. Assembler. John 14:15. I John 5:3.

- are we commanded? Heb. 10:25!  
1. Forsake not - negative.  
2. Be sure to be present - positive.  
3. John 4:24. Spr. + Truth  
Correct form in love + devotion.

### B. Sing. Eph. 5:19. Col. 3:16.

1. All sing! not any exception??  
2. Heart is the instrument.  
3. Praise, teach, + admonish.